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**OUTTEN & GOLDEN LLP** is one of the preeminent law firms representing employees -- "Advocates for Workplace Fairness." The firm's credo is "Excellence and Integrity Above All Else."

O&G focuses on advising and representing individuals in employment, partnership, and related matters. The firm advises individuals on employment and severance agreements; it also handles compensation and benefits issues, including bonuses, commissions, stock and option awards, and family/medical leaves. The firm represents employees with a wide variety of claims, including claims of discrimination and harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, race, disability, national origin, religion, and age, as well as retaliation, whistleblower, and contract claims. The firm also handles class and collective wage-and-hour and discrimination cases.

O&G represents clients in administrative proceedings (such as EEOC and Department of Labor), arbitrations (e.g., NYSE, NASD, and American Arbitration Association), and cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts. Before beginning proceedings, the firm often negotiates with employer representatives; it also helps clients help themselves by developing and implementing negotiation tactics and strategies. O&G has substantial experience mediating employment disputes.

The firm's eight Practice Groups are Executives & Professionals, Securities & Financial Services Industry, Sexual Harassment, Disability & Family Responsibilities, LGBT Workplace Rights, Discrimination & Retaliation, Class and Collective Actions, and WARN Act.



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